Olarikkara Aided School.

345. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state what is the distance according to the Engineering Department from the Olarikkara Aided School for Depressed Classes to the neighbouring schools?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The schedule of distance prepared by the P. W. D. does not show the exact distances from one school to another nor have mile and furlong stones been fixed between schools. The neighbouring schools are approximately more than a mile distant from the Olarikkara School.

Naduppanthi.

346. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Member in charge of the P. W. D. be pleased to state:—

(a) that the trustees of the Arthat-Kunnamkulam Churches have not agreed to allow the Government to acquire the verandahs of the Church building at Naduppanthi in Kunnamkulam;

(b) whether it is not recorded on page 1796 of the Legislative Council report, Vol. II, Part 22, the remarks of the Diwan-President, "I have myself sanctioned the work. Accidents are likely to occur there, as there is no bell-mouth there";

(c) whether the work of widening the Naduppanthi, reported to have been sanctioned as quoted above, has yet been taken up for execution;

(d) whether the bell-mouths will soon be made in order to avoid accidents;

(e) whether this matter has not been repeatedly brought to the attention of the Government in the last so many years?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The trustees have agreed to sell to the Government a portion of the verandahs of a building at Naduppanthi, Kunnamkulam for a price of about Rs. 8,000. The Government consider that the price asked for is exorbitant as, having regard to the extent of the area in question, the cost works up to nearly 8 lakhs of rupees per acre. Further, though this will improve the junction, the improvement so effected will still be very inadequate. Unless the people are more reasonable in their demands, the old order of things will have to continue. The Member is referred to Government Order Dis. 2622/D/99, dated March 27, 1924, a copy of which is appended. (*Vide Appendix IV.*)

(b) Yes.

(c) No.

(d) Vide answer to (a) above.

(e) Yes.

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